

THE BOTTOM LINE

...on the lifting of Stop Loss

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The Issue:

DA has lifted most Stop Loss provisions for both unit-based Stop Loss (instituted for Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) units) and for skill-based (MOS related) Stop Loss.

The Facts:

Starting January 2002, DA has issued periodic skill-based Stop Loss messages. Additionally, in February 2003, DA implemented unit-based Stop Loss to ensure the readiness of OIF deploying units.

The lifting of Stop Loss applies to all soldiers affected by OIF unit-based Stop Loss as well as those previously affected by the skill-based Stop Loss specialties listed below:

- Enlisted MOSs: 00Z, 18B, 18C, 18D, 18E, 18F, 18Z, 37F, 38A, 67U, 92M, 96U, 98C
- Officer specialties: 15C35, 18, 31, 38, 39
- Warrant Officer specialties: 153E, 154E, 155E, 155G, 180A, 350B, 351C, 352G
- Officer and Warrant Officer ASIs: K4, K5, K6

ETS dates will be adjusted by DA PERSCOM based on the following ETS/RCP dates (enlisted) or ECUR/MRD dates (officer):

- Original dates of 30 Apr 03 and earlier will be adjusted to 31 Oct 03
- Original dates of 1 May 03 to 31 Jul 03 will be adjusted to 30 Nov 03
- Original dates of 1 Aug 03 to 30 Nov 03 will be adjusted to 20 Dec 03

USAREUR has delegated approval authority for earlier releases to MSC commanders (1st AD, 1st ID, 3rd COSCOM, etc.) or a designated LTC on the MSC's staff. However, all regulatory provisions must be satisfied before the soldiers are released. For instance, Title 10, USC 1142 requires soldiers to receive transition counseling not later than 90 days before date of separation. Most soldiers will require 90 days at home station to complete all regulatory requirements.

Tell Your Soldiers:

DA has lifted Stop Loss by adjusting soldiers' ETS dates to certain predetermined dates. There are provisions for earlier departure, but all regulatory requirements must be fulfilled prior to release. Many of these requirements are tied to specific time periods prior to departure. Check with your servicing S1 or PSB to ensure that you have covered the requirements. Application for early release must be on a DA Form 4187, and the packet will also include the most recent DD Form 4/1 and 4/3 (Enlistment/Reenlistment Document), DA Form 1695 (Oath of Extension), signed DD Form 2648 (Pre-Separation Counseling), and signed DA Form 31.

For More Information:

Soldiers with questions on their ETS should contact their career counselor and should direct other questions on this policy to their command and support staff. If commanders or S1s have questions on the enlisted policy, they can contact SSG Keller or SGM Ramsby at DSN 379-7612. For officers, contact MAJ Belme, DSN 379-6200, or CPT Brickson, DSN 379-6150.